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(54) **Molecular markers.**

(57) The invention relates to polynucleotide sequences and proteins that are differentially expressed during malignant tumour progression and metastasis in colorectal cancer and which may serve as general molecular markers in primary and metastatic neoplastic disease especially colorectal cancer and which may additionally provide a basis for therapy.

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